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In re Patent Application of:
Tongbi Jiang, et al.

Application No.: To Be Assigned
Divisional of Serial No. 09/652,216

Group Art Unit: 2813

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
REDUCING SUBSTRATE BIAS VOLTAGE
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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S.
patent application as follows:

Add text before "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" on page 1:

This is a divisional application based upon U.S. patent application serial number 09/652,216, filed on August 30, 2000, which is hereby incorporated in its entirety by reference.

Cancel claims 1-30 and 66-99.

REMARKS

This is a divisional application of U.S. application serial number 09/652,216 (the '216 application), filed on August 30, 2000.

No new matter has been added to the specification. Claims 1-30 and 66-99, which are being prosecuted in the '216 application, are canceled herein. The application now contains claims 31-65.

Each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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